

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 120

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A RESOLUTION to commend Bonnie Merriman for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Wayne County Election Commissioner.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Merriman is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as Wayne County Election Commissioner, Mrs. Merriman has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Merriman's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merriman has served the people of Wayne County for twenty terms, a total of forty years; her uncommon skills, professional excellence, dedication to hard work, and commitment to quality have earned her the universal respect and admiration of the citizens of Wayne County, and she will be sorely missed after her retirement on April 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Merriman is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, she exhibits her devout religious faith as a member of Waynesboro First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Merriman is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her son and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Merriman is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Bonnie Merriman for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Wayne County Election Commissioner and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction on the occasion of her retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.